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Title : Need to develop a rail link between Suri and Bolpur via

Panrui in West Bengal

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (BIRBHUM): Sir, Suri is a very old district town in West Bengal having poor access with State capital. People from neighbouring areas of Jharkahnd viz Dumka and Jamtara come down to Suri for different purposes. All commodities and essentials are brought to Suri directly by road transport due tolack of convenient rail link between Suri and Kolkata. This costs each item much higher compared to any other district headquarter. There is a railway station at Suri which falls on Sainthia − Andal single line route. The only train to Howrah via this line i.e. Mayurakshi Passenger takes a long distance and time. As a result people are dependent on road transport. The areas adjoining Suri and the districts of Jharkhand are rich in minerals, Panachami Stones, Kaolin. Fly as from Bakeshwar Thermal Power Project is transported by road for want of rail link. Hence Suri − Bolpur rail link via Prantik is commercially very viable project.

I urge upon the Government to develop one rail link between Suri and Bolpur via Panrui. A few train from Howarah / Sealdah be diverted on this Sainthia − Suri − Bolpur route. Apart from this number of Goods Trains too could be run profitably. This fulfill long standing public demand and certainly give a new lease of life in economic activities on Suri-Panrui-Bolpur sector.